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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Koudai YOSHIZAWA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7396

Serial No.: 10/083,606 : Group Art Unit: 1745

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For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF PROTECTING A FUEL CELL FROM

FREEZING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2004, now due to expire May 8, 2004, be extended for one month and set to expire on May 10, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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